

Summer Performance Schedule

Summer provides many opportunities to hear your United States Navy Band in venues throughout the region. In addition to classic band concerts, the schedule includes performances by Navy Band Specialty Groups – the “Sea Chanters” chorus, “Commodores” jazz ensemble, “Country Current” country-bluegrass group and “Cruisers” contemporary music ensemble. Look for our special series at the U.S. Navy Memorial that features several performing units on the same concert! These not-to-be-missed productions are the perfect entertainment for a summer evening in Washington. Please remember, inclement weather can cause cancellation for our outdoor concerts with no rain site. Up-to-date performance and cancellation information is available on our Performance Hotline at (202) 433-2525. *ff*

U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS  
2006 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following FREE concerts. For more information call (202) 433-2525.

<b>U.S. CAPITOL</b> (West Side) Mondays, June 5 - August 28 at 8 p.m.	
June	5, Commodores
	12, Sea Chanters
	19, Commodores
	26, Navy Band & Sea Chanters
July	10, Country Current
	17, Country Current
	24, Navy Band
	31, Navy Band & Sea Chanters
August	7, Commodores
	14, Navy Band
	21, Navy Band
	28, Navy Band & Sea Chanters

<b>U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL</b> 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Tuesdays, June 6 - August 29 at 8 p.m.	
June	6, Cruisers
	13, Commodores
	20, Country Current
	27, Navy Band & Sea Chanters
July	11, U.S. Marine Band
	18, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	25, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
August	1, U.S. Coast Guard Band
	8, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	15, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	22, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers
	29, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

SPECIAL CONCERTS

**Memorial Day Concert, U.S. Navy Memorial**  
Monday, May 29 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band

**Concert And Fireworks On The Beach, Ocean City, Md.**  
Tuesday, July 4 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band, Sea Chanters and Cruisers

**U.S. Navy Band Alumni Concert, U.S. Navy Memorial**  
Monday, August 7 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band and Specialty Groups

**Labor Day Concert, U.S. Navy Memorial**  
Monday, September 4 at 8 p.m.  
Navy Band & Sea Chanters

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MUCS Carroll is USO Volunteer Award Winner

Senior Chief Musician Elizabeth A. Carroll is the 2006 winner of the C. Haskell Small Award for Volunteerism. The award was presented March 22 by Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter on behalf of the United Services Organization of Metropolitan Washington (USO Metro) during the 23rd Annual Awards Dinner at the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City, Va. The event honors outstanding individuals for their public service, philanthropic contributions and volunteer efforts to improve the quality of life in our country.

Senior Chief Carroll joined the Band in 1986 as a clarinet instrumentalist. She was a featured soloist and performed on multiple national tours prior

to becoming the Information Systems Director for the Band in 2003.

The award cites her off-duty contributions as a volunteer EMT-Paramedic with the Odenton and Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Companies and the St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit, as well as her service as a CPR Instructor, Basic Trauma Life Support Unit Instructor and National Ski Patrol volunteer. In support of the Navy Band, she acts as the Band's Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) point of contact and the command Victim-Witness Assistance Coordinator. Senior Chief Carroll also offers CPR instruction for the Navy Band and their families.

"I am very honored and



VADM Giambastiani, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff meets MUCS Elizabeth A. Carroll at the USO Metro 23rd annual awards dinner  
Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sean P. Houlahan, USAF

humbled by this award," said Senior Chief Carroll. "There are so many military members and civilians who deserve it as much or more than I do. I truly believe that the volunteer spirit is what makes this country so great, and I am just happy to be able to do my part." *ff*

We Got Mail!

Each year, Navy Band performing units rehearse their music, load their trucks, board their buses



A Central High School band member performs alongside Chief Musician Christopher J. Railsider during the Manchester, N.H. concert.  
U.S. Navy photo by MUC James P. Logan

and tour to places far beyond the familiar environs of Washington, D.C. The United States Navy Band and the "Sea Chanters" chorus recently returned from their tours after making a lasting impression on audiences throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

And we got mail – lots of mail! Audience members responded first with applause and later with enthusiastic



Korean War veteran James "Jimbo" Kovolenus discusses his wartime experiences with clarinet instrumentalist, Chief Musician James P. Logan.  
U.S. Navy photo by MU1 Christian H. Johanson

correspondence. We received over 1,200 overwhelmingly positive e-mails and letters. Could it be that Americans are hungry for the type of family entertainment and unabashed patriotism that these sharply dressed

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Performance Calendar

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MAY  
NAVY BAND

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 P.M.**  
Bishop Ireton High School  
Garwood Whaley Auditorium  
201 Cambridge Road  
Alexandria, Va.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 8 P.M.**  
North County High School  
10 East First Ave.  
Ferdale, Md.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 7:30 P.M.**  
West Springfield High School\*  
6100 Rolling Road  
Springfield, Va.  
\*Featuring the winner of the 2006 Navy Band High School Concerto Competition

**MONDAY, MAY 29, 8 P.M.**  
"MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT"  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 P.M.\***  
Navy Museum (Bldg. 76)  
Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, D.C.  
\*For FREE reservations call (202) 433-6897.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 3 P.M.**  
Community Lutheran Church  
21014 Whitfield Place  
Sterling, Va.

**COMMODORES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 18, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 30, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**COUNTRY CURRENT**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 5, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 5 P.M.**  
"SOLOMONS FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL"  
Calvert Marine Museum  
Solomons Island Road (Route 2)  
Solomons, Md.

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**CRUISERS**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 7:45 P.M.**  
"FT. DETRICK ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION"  
Nallin Farm Recreation Area  
Frederick, Md.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 25, NOON**  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**CHAMBER GROUPS**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 4 P.M.**  
"CHAMBER RECITAL"  
All Saints Lutheran Church  
16510 Mount Oak Road  
Bowie, Md.

**JUNE CEREMONIAL BAND**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 6 P.M.**  
"FT. McHENRY TATTOO"  
Ft. McHenry National Monument &  
Historic Shrine  
Baltimore, Md.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 5 P.M.**  
Downs Park  
8311 John Downs Loop  
Pasadena, Md.  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 7 P.M.**  
Alfred A. Stango Memorial Park  
King's Highway  
(adjacent to Lewes Public Library)  
Lewes, Del.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 7 P.M.**  
"LA PLATA SUMMER CONCERTS"  
La Plata Town Hall  
5 Garrett Ave.  
La Plata, Md.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30 P.M.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 3:30 P.M.**  
Hagerstown Community College  
Amphitheater  
Hagerstown, Md.

**COMMODORES**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 6:30 P.M.**  
Miller Park  
220 Miller Way  
Exton, Pa.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 7 P.M.**  
"BEL AIR SUMMER CONCERTS"  
William A. Humbert Amphitheater  
Shamrock Park  
Hickory Ave. & Lee St.  
Bel Air, Md.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 7 P.M.**  
Town Center  
Harrison and Dover St.  
Easton, Md.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 12:30 P.M.**  
"JUBILEE DAY"  
Downtown Area  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30 P.M.**  
Carter Barron Amphitheatre  
Rock Creek Park  
16th St. and Colorado Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 7 P.M.**  
Cabin John Regional Park  
7400 Tuckerman Lane  
Rockville, Md.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 8 P.M.**  
West Goshen Community Park  
Fern Hill & N. Five Points Roads  
West Chester, Pa.  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 7 P.M.**  
Springettsbury Township Park  
1501 Mount Zion Rd.  
York, Pa.

**COUNTRY CURRENT**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 8 P.M.**  
Moorefield Town Park  
Moorefield, W.Va.

**CRUISERS**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 6 P.M.**  
Luman Woodland Theater  
Bloomsbury Ave. at Hilltop Road  
Catonsville, Md.  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 7 P.M.**  
Wheaton Regional Park  
2000 Shorefield Road  
Wheaton, Md.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 6 P.M.**  
"TOUR DE SOLOMONS"  
Calvert Marine Museum  
Solomons Island Road (Route 2)  
Solomons, Md.  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 7 P.M.**  
Milton Memorial Park  
Union St.  
(behind the Milton Public Library)  
Milton, Del.

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United States Navy Band • Washington, D.C.  
Captain Ralph M. Gambone, USN • Officer in Charge/Leader

All concert information is accurate at time of publication, though subject to change due to weather and other conditions. For concert updates call the 24-hour Navy Band Performance Calendar at (202) 433-2525, or visit us on the web at [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil).

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## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



I want to start with a special welcome to those joining the "fanfare family" as a result of our tour throughout the Northeast. It was a great pleasure to meet fans old and new at each concert. Your enthusiasm for our performances and your love of our great country were an inspiration to us.

We returned just in time for the "Sea Chanters" chorus' 50th Anniversary celebration on April 8 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Maryland (College Park). The event was a tremendous success. They also released their latest recording, *Homeward Bound*, which honors their 50 years of service. From August 5-7, we will continue to commemorate their anniversary as part of our Alumni weekend festivities. I would personally like to invite all of our Navy Band alumni to return and take part in this very special occasion, and to invite each of you to come and hear the concert on August 7th!

We received a tremendous number of applications from some very talented young artists for our annual High School Concerto Competition. We will present the winners in concert with the Band in May.

Our summer season gets underway on Memorial Day and continues through Labor Day with Mondays at the Capitol and Tuesdays at the Navy Memorial at 8 p.m. A detailed listing of dates and ensembles is in this issue.

If you haven't visited our redesigned website yet, take a moment and do so. The user-friendly format will allow you to keep up with all of the exciting details of these concerts and events. Thanks for your continued support.

*Ralph M. Gambone*

Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN  
Officer in Charge/Leader

## NOTABLE QUOTES

*"Barbara and I send warmest greetings to the men and women of the Navy Band's 'Sea Chanters' chorus on the occasion of your Golden Anniversary."*

President George H.W. Bush

*"You have enriched the lives of our fellow citizens and have brought distinction to your United States Navy Band, the Navy and the Nation. Congratulations!"*

President Gerald R. Ford

*"I applaud ... their musical elegance and artistry: ... The vitality and versatility ... has appealed to all ages and races around the world and they have become phenomenal ambassadors of the Navy and our great Nation."*

The Honorable William S. Cohen,  
former Secretary of Defense

*"To every member of the 'Sea Chanters,' thanks for the memories and best wishes for another 50 years of continued success. I greatly appreciate your service as ambassadors of 'The World's Finest Navy:'"*

The Honorable Donald C. Winter,  
Secretary of the Navy

*"As the musical ambassadors of our service, you are the voice of the values we cherish, the liberty we defend, and the freedom we represent to the world. As you pause to celebrate this important milestone, please know that every Sailor in the United States Navy stands fast in appreciation for all you do. ... Congratulations and Happy Birthday!"*

Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN,  
Chief of Naval Operations

## FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS CONT'

sailors provide?

*It is good to have a shot of red, white, and blue now and then - even better when combined with a dose of blue and gold. The band reminded me that we are "proud to be Americans," and I am proud to have served in the greatest Navy on earth. - Orono, Maine*

On a musical level, today's Navy Band performing units are in top form. The steady refinement of audition standards and recruitment practices has resulted in an extraordinary level of skill in all of the groups. Patrons reflected on this phenomenon through e-mails like these:

*The diverse talent of the group was remarkable. You all could have successful careers*



Local Navy recruiters visit with bassoon instrumentalist, Chief Musician Tia F. Wortham.  
U.S. Navy photo by MJ1 Christian H. Johansen

*in music outside of the military; yet you chose to serve your country. I thank you. - Tom's River, N.J.*

*We are used to fine performances...here on the outskirts of the "great metropolis" of New York City. The United States Navy Band performance gets an A+ and was no less than spectacular. - Ridgefield, Conn.*

*Last night I attended the United States Navy Band concert and was FLOORED, SLAMMED ON THE GROUND, PICKED UP and SPUN AROUND and then THROWN INTO SPACE. WOW! Their entire show from beginning to end was awesome! - Patron "now safely*

back" in Orefield, Pa.

Your messages confirmed that our music was a hit with fans aged three to 93!

*Every aspect of the performance was top notch! Our 10 and 12-year-old children couldn't stop talking about how "cool" it was and that they'll make sure more of their friends get to see it next time. That's high praise from a pre-teen. - Ridgefield, Conn.*

*In our family, you delighted a wide range of age groups - from the kids to my mother, who was celebrating her 85th birthday. - Concord, N.H.*

*It was very nice to see some of the high school students actually participate in the "Washington Post March." What a thrill that must have*

*been! It gave me goose bumps. - Ellsworth, Maine*

Clearly, the tour concerts meant more to our audiences than mere entertainment. With our country at war, people's emotions are running high. Many patrons thanked the Navy Band for

reminding them - through music - of the ideals for which America stands:

*The performance was not only exhilarating, but meaningful - emotionally moving while lifting our spirit. Given the current situation in our land, when so many of our men and women are involved in dangerous military operations around the world, this concert was an uplifting reminder of their sacrifice on behalf of life and liberty. - Springfield, Mass.*

*Just when I felt that patriotism could sink no lower, I experienced something like tonight. I was so proud when the veterans stood up for their branch of the military. It made*



Clarinet instrumentalist, Chief Musician Russell V. Gross, Jr., shares some of his experiences at the Armed Forces School of Music with a future student who will begin to receive training there in October.  
U.S. Navy photo by MJC James P. Logan

*the hair on my neck stand up and it brought tears to my eyes. - Orefield, Pa.*

This e-mail from a patron who attended a Sea Chanters performance in Dennis, Mass., is a wonderful testament to the impact of Navy Band music:

*I hope those who determine asset allocations...recognize how important civilian morale is, especially during time of war. A stirring reminder of love of country, love of freedom, duty and service has the power to turn back even a cynic's criticism - back to understanding what this country is all about. Great music performed by great musicians reaches beyond the ears into the mind and spirit. That's what you do. That's who you are.*

Thank you to all who take the time to write. We enjoy reading your correspondence, and your feedback is important to help us better serve you. We forward your messages to the performers, to our Tour Operations office, to our officers and the Navy's Chief of Information, so your comments can make a difference.

To our audiences in the Northeast, thank you for coming! To those of you in the rest of the country, Navy Band performing groups will be in your "neck of the woods" soon, so be sure to join us - and keep those letters and e-mails coming! ff

## SCHEDULE CONT'

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 7 P.M.  
Fort Loudon Amphitheater  
Fort Loudon, Pa.

### CHAMBER GROUPS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 3 P.M.  
BRASS QUARTET  
Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival  
Avalon Theater  
40 E. Dover St.  
Easton, Md.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 7 P.M.  
BRASS QUINTET  
Twinbrook Library  
202 Meadow Hall Drive  
Rockville, Md.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 3 P.M.  
SAXOPHONE QUARTET  
Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival  
Avalon Theater  
40 E. Dover St.  
Easton, Md.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

### NAVY BAND, SEA CHANTERS & CRUISERS

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 8 P.M.  
"CONCERT & FIREWORKS ON THE BEACH"  
Corner of N. Division St. & the Beach  
Ocean City, Md.

COMMODORES  
MONDAY, JULY 3, 7 P.M.  
Rock Hall Harbor  
21144 Green Lane  
Rock Hall, Md.  
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 7:30 P.M.  
Langley High School  
6520 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, Va.

### THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND HAS OPENINGS FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS.

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For more information call:  
Master Chief Musician Stuart McLean, Audition Supervisor at (202) 433-2840.  
Or email:  
navyband.auditions@navy.mil.

## WELCOME ABOARD TO...

**Musician First Class William H. Dunn**, trumpet instrumentalist with the "Cruisers" contemporary music ensemble.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Chief Musician Keith D. Hinton** on his selection as Chief of the Quarter for the period of October through December 2005...and to **Musician First Class John T. Parsons** for his selection as Sailor of the Quarter for the period of October through December 2005.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

The phrase, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure!" applies to talented tenor vocalist, **Chief Musician Michael B. Roberts**, who retires this summer. His contributions as a member of the "Sea Chanters" chorus have been many and enduring.

**Chief Roberts, can you give us a little background on yourself?**

Originally from Louisville, Ky., I graduated from Moore High School in 1972 and from Eastern Kentucky University (in Richmond, Ky.) in 1977 with a bachelor's in music education. After six years of performing I joined the Navy, not as a musician, but as a computer operator!

**Tell us about your time in the fleet and the transition from computer operator back to music.**

Following recruit training in Orlando and "A" school in San Diego, I served on board USS *Inchon* from 1983-1986, with tours in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean, as well as refresher training (REFTRA) in Guantanamo, Cuba.

Work on a combat vessel is vastly different from my work as a musician. In addition to my computer operator duties, I was involved in all ship evolutions, including arriving/departing port, underway replenishment, ship's maintenance, and fire, casualty and combat drills.

After the Navy Music Program's "A" school, I reported to Navy Band New Orleans as the leading petty officer of an 8-piece rock group as well as the Band's education officer. In 1991, I returned to Navy Band Orlando, this time as leading petty officer, ceremonial band conductor and unit leader of the show-band. From there I transferred to the SEVENTH Fleet Band in Yokosuka, Japan, where I was the unit leader for a 7-piece rock band, pianist for the show band and the Band's casualty assistance officer.

I came to the United States Navy Band in 1997 as a vocalist with the Sea Chanters. I have served as their administrative chief and leading chief petty officer as well as in the tour operations office. **What are your thoughts about your time with the Sea Chanters?**

This has been, without exception, the most rewarding assignment in my career. There have been many opportunities for growth and leadership. The personnel here are of a very high caliber in terms of education and experience. Everyone has so much to offer and is anxious to make a contribution. Through all the trials and tribulations, it has been a wonderful privilege to serve for and with such talented individuals. They are, after all, what makes the Navy go forward.

**What are your plans following your retirement from the Navy?**

My immediate goal is to gain experience in the field of sacred music. I am currently accepting a position as a minister of music at a local church, and I am going to go back to school full time for a year to complete a master's degree in sacred music.

**What has been your proudest moment with the Sea Chanters?** Probably my proudest moment was singing the National Anthem for Veterans Day on the National Mall in 2001. I was able to spend some time talking to several Viet Nam veterans that day and felt very proud to be able to give something back to those wonderful patriots.

**Hobbies?**

That's easy ... GOLF!



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